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Westminster, March 29.

THIS Day His Majesty came to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Francis Molyneux, Knight, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for repealing the Discounts and Abatements upon certain Foreign Goods, and for granting additional Duties upon Tobacco and Sugar imported into Great Britain.

An Act for granting to His Majesty an additional Duty upon the Produce of the several Duties under the Management of the respective Commissioners of the Excise in Great Britain.

An Act for keeping the Militia Forces of this Kingdom compleat, during the Time therein mentioned; and for regulating the Admission of Substitutes to serve in the Militia.

An Act for improving the Navigation of the River called Bourn Eau, from the Town of Bourn to its Junction with the River Glen, at a Place called Tongue End, in the County of Lincoln.

An Act for repairing and widening the Road from Wilmslow Bridge, in Wilmslow, in the County of Cheshire, through Nether Alderley and the Town of Congleton to or near The Red Bull in Church Lawton, in the said County.

An Act for continuing and amending an Act, made in the Thirty-third Year of His late Majesty King George the Second, for amending, widening, and keeping in Repair, several Roads leading to the Borough of Launceston, in the County of Cornwall.

An Act for continuing the Term, and altering and enlarging the Powers, of an Act, made in the Twenty-seventh Year of His late Majesty, for repairing and widening the High Road from Westwood Gate, in the Parish of Knotting in the County of Bedford, through the Towns of Rushden and Higham Ferrers, and over Arleborough Bridge, to the Turnpike Road in Barton Seagrave Lane, in the Parish of Barton Seagrave in the County of Northampton.

And to One Private Bill.

Whitehall, March 31, 1781.

BY the Mail of the Sandwich Packet, which sailed from Charles-Town the 28th of February, Dispatches were this Day received by Lord George Germain, One of His Majesty's Principal Secreta-

ries of State, from the Earl Cornwallis and Lieutenant Colonel Balfour, of which the following are Copies and Extracts.

Camp on Turkey Creek, Broad River, January 18, 1781.

MY LORD,

I THINK it necessary to transmit to your Lordship a Copy of my Letter to Sir Henry Clinton, lest the exaggerated Accounts from the Rebels should reach Europe before your Lordship could hear from New York. I shall only say, in Addition to what I have said to Sir Henry Clinton, that this event was extremely unexpected, for the greatest Part of the Troops that were engaged, had, upon all former Occasions, behaved with the most distinguished Gallantry.

Extract of a Letter from Earl Cornwallis to Sir Henry Clinton, dated, Camp on Turkey Creek, Broad River, January 18, 1781.

IN my Letter of the 6th of this Month I had the Honor to inform your Excellency, that I was ready to begin my March for North Carolina; having been delayed for some Days by a Diversion made by the Enemy towards Ninety Six. General Morgan still remained on the Pacolet; his Corps, by the best Accounts I could get, consisted of about 500 Men, Continental and Virginia State Troops, and 100 Cavalry under Colonel Washington, and Six or Seven Hundred Militia; but that Body is so fluctuating, that it is impossible to ascertain its Number, within some Hundreds, for Three Days following. Lieutenant-Colonel Tarleton, with the Legion and Corps annexed to it, consisting of about 300 Cavalry and as many Infantry, and the 1st Battalion of the 71st Regiment, and 1 Three-pounder, had already passed the Broad River for the Relief of Ninety Six. I therefore directed Lieutenant-Colonel Tarleton to march on the West of Broad River to endeavour to strike a Blow at General Morgan, and, at all Events, to oblige him to pass the Broad River. I likewise ordered that he should take with him the 7th Regiment, and 1 Three-pounder, which were marching to reinforce the Garrison of Ninety Six, as long as he should think their Services could be useful to him. The Remainder of the Army marched between the Broad River and Catawaw. As General Green had quitted Mecklenburgh County, and crossed the Pedee, I made not the least Doubt that General Morgan would retire on our advancing.

The Progress of the Army was greatly impeded by heavy Rains which swelled the River and Creeks;

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yet Lieutenant Colonel Tarleton conducted his March so well, and got so near to General Morgan, who was retreating before him, as to make it dangerous for him to pass Broad River; and came up with him at Eight o'Clock A. M. on the 17th Instant. Every Thing now bore the most promising Aspect; the Enemy were drawn up in an open Wood, and, having been lately joined by some Militia, were more numerous; but the different Quality of the Corps under Lieutenant Colonel Tarleton's Command, and his great Superiority in Cavalry, left him no Room to Doubt of the most brilliant Success. The Attack was begun by the First Line of Infantry, consisting of the 7th Regiment, the Infantry of the Legion, and Corps of Light Infantry annexed to it; a Troop of Cavalry was placed on each Flank; the 1st Battalion of the 7th, and the Remainder of the Cavalry, formed the Reserve. The Enemy's Line soon gave Way, and their Militia quitted the Field; but our Troops having been thrown into some Disorder by the Pursuit, General Morgan's Corps faced about, and gave them a heavy Fire: This unexpected Event occasioned the utmost Confusion in the First Line.

The Two Three-pounders were taken, and I fear the Colours of the 7th Regiment shared the same Fate. In Justice to the Detachment of Royal Artillery I must here observe, that no Terrors could induce them to abandon their Guns, and they were all either killed or wounded in the Defence of them. Lieutenant Colonel Tarleton assembled Fifty of his Cavalry, and, being animated by the Bravery of the Officer who had so often led them to Victory, charged and repulsed Colonel Washington's Horse, retook the Baggage of the Corps, and cut to Pieces the Detachment of the Enemy that had taken Possession of it, and, after destroying what they could not conveniently bring off, retired with the Remainder unmolested to Hamilton's Ford, near the Mouth of Bullock's Creek.

The Loss of our Cavalry is inconsiderable, but I fear about 400 of the Infantry are either killed, wounded or taken. I will transmit the particular Account of the Loss as soon as it can be ascertained.

I shall direct Lieutenant Colonel Balfour to transmit a Copy of this Letter, by the first Opportunity, to the Secretary of State.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Balfour to Lord George Germain, dated Charles-Town, February 18, 1781.

By the Letter in which I had the Honour to address your Lordship on the 16th of January last, you will have been informed of the Situation of Affairs here to that Period, and by Lord Cornwallis's Dispatch, dated the 18th of the same Month, of Lieutenant Colonel Tarleton's unfortunate Action on the preceding Day: I am now to give your Lordship such further Informations as have been received since, either immediately from Earl Cornwallis, Lord Rawdon, or Major Craig, or by Intelligence through the Country.

Notwithstanding the unexpected and untoward Event of the 17th ultimo, Lord Cornwallis still continued his forward Movements, and pressed hard on General Morgan, without being able to come up with him, who, with his Prisoners, pushed for the

Catawba, and by crossing that River high, up there is Cause to believe accomplished his Junction with General Green's Army. It was not till the 1st Instant that Lord Cornwallis could pass it; this he then did at a private Ford, Four Miles below Bratty's, though strongly opposed by a Body of Militia, who were routed, and General Davidson, who commanded them, killed. On this Occasion, his Lordship observes, "The Guards behaved gallantly, crossing the River under a heavy Fire, without returning a Shot until they were over and formed."

On the same Day Colonel Tarleton had the good Fortune to defeat another Corps of the Enemy's Militia, that had assembled under Colonel Pickings, killing and taking many, and entirely dispersing the rest.

In relating these Circumstances to your Lordship, it is no small Satisfaction to add, that on both Occasions the Loss sustained by the King's Troops is inconsiderable; and that, except Colonel Hall of the Guards, who is killed, no Officer was hurt.

After gaining these Advantages Lord Cornwallis proceeded to Salisbury, of which Town he possessed himself on the 4th Instant.

Hitherto General Green had remained in his Position on the Eastern Banks of the Pedee; and by thus hanging on the Frontiers of the Province, and having with him a Force in Cavalry, was enabled to make Inroads into the Heart of it, which were greatly distressing to the Inhabitants, and obliged me to detach, to cover the Communications between this and Camden, prevent the Enemy's taking Post on this Side the Santee, and hinder Infiltrations in our Vicinities; but on the News of Lord Cornwallis's late Successes, he called in his Out-Parties, and by a precipitate Movement reached the Moravian Settlements in North Carolina, where, by the last Accounts, he has taken a Station to cover the Passage of the Yadkin.

From this View of the Situation of both Armies we may expect soon to hear of some Event of Moment, and which I hope will give Occasion to congratulate your Lordship.

By my last Letter your Lordship was informed of an Expedition being then to sail under Major Craig, of the 82d Regiment, the Force employed on that Service, and the Objects of it, I have now the Honour to communicate to your Lordship; his having taken Possession of Wilmington without Opposition, on the 29th ultimo: But finding that a Body of the Enemy had posted themselves at Heron's Bridge, about Twelve Miles from that Town, to cover as well this Pass as the Shipping in the River, and to shew a Force for the Militia to form on, Major Craig, by an immediate and well timed Exertion, surprised the Rebels in this very strong Position, and, by dislodging them from it, has cleared that Part of the Country, gained, in Co-operation with His Majesty's Ships, of War, Possession of their Vessels, and taken on Board them and in their Camp several Military Stores, the Want of which may be much felt, should they attempt again to raise any Force in these Parts.

Major Craig further informs me, that he is exerting every Means to put the very essential Post of Wilmington into a State of Defence, and eventually to communicate with the Army under Lord Cornwallis.

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Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Balfour to Lord George Germain, dated Charles-Town, February 25, 1781.

SINCE the Date of my Dispatch, N^o 2, Captain Barclay, with the Blonde, arrived here from Cape Fear, where he left every Thing in a State of Security, and the Works for the Protection of Wilmington nearly perfected.

No Accounts since my last have been received immediately from Lord Cornwallis; but Lord Rawdon has favored me with some further Intelligence respecting the Operations of the Army, which his Lordship derived from a Man who quitted it on the 9th Instant, and who is come into Camden.

At that Period it appears, Lord Cornwallis was advanced Six Miles beyond Salem, the farthest of the Moravian Settlements in North Carolina, and to the Eastward of the Yadkin, which points out by what uncommon Exertion and rapid Movements his Lordship must have reached that Distance, in so small a Space of Time, through a strong and intricate Country.

By crossing the Yadkin so high up, the Army has got above Green's, which, by this Intelligence, was advancing on Deep River, and some Way removed to the Rear of Lord Cornwallis's Right; General Morgan, with his Corps, being advanced, and on the Left. With this last there were some Hopes Lord Cornwallis would soon be able to come up; and, on the Whole, it will be clear to your Lordship, that, by this Movement, the Junction of the Enemy's Force, of which in my last I was apprehensive of, is for the present frustrated.

I must not omit informing your Lordship of the Arrival of the Assurance, with the Fleet of Victuals from Corke, after a Passage of Twelve Weeks; the Length of which obliges them to water before they can proceed on their Voyage to New-York, during which Time the Assurance will remain at Beaufort, being of too large a Draft to pass this Bar.

Admiralty-Office, March 31, 1781.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Barkley, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Blonde, to Mr. Stephens, dated Charles-Town, South Carolina, February 24, 1781.

IN the Letter I wrote to you dated the 15th of January last, by the Antelope Packet, I mentioned I was preparing to proceed to Cape Fear, upon an Expedition, by the Requisition of Lord Cornwallis.

I think I should be remiss in my Duty if I did not remit, for their Lordships Information, by this Opportunity of the Packet's sailing, the Events that have taken Place there; and as their Lordships will receive it much sooner than by the Reports I have sent to Vice-Admiral Arbuthnot at New York.

A Body of Troops being embarked, consisting of about Two and Three Hundred Men, under the Command of Major Craig, of the 82d Regiment, I got over the Bar of Charles-Town the 21st of January, and arrived in Cape Fear River the 25th, contrary Winds, and the intricate Navigation of the River, prevented us getting to the Place where the Landing was determined upon, till the 28th.

Colonel Balfour, Commandant of Charles-Town, not being able to spare more Troops from the Defence of Charles-Town, induced me to land the Ma-

lines of the Blonde, Delight, and Otter, consisting of Eighty-one Men, under the Command of Lieutenant Griffiths, of the Blonde, with Orders to him to join Major Craig.

On the Evening of the 27th, Deputations came from Wilmington, with Proposals for delivering up the Town: I herewith inclose a Copy of their Proposition, with Major Craig's and my Answer.

The next Morning the Troops landed at Ellis's Plantation, Nine Miles below the Town; at the same Time I pushed up the River with the Gallies and Gun-boats: In the Afternoon of the same Day we took Possession of the Town of Wilmington, without the least Opposition; the Rebels who were in Arms, consisting of about One Hundred and Fifty Men, marched out early in the Morning of the same Day.

We found Two Batteries erected towards the River; one of Ten Guns, Twelve and Nine Pounders, the other of Seven, Twelve Pounders, most of them spiked. We having received Information of several Vessels being sent up the N. E. River with Provisions, Ammunition, and the Effects of the Rebels in Arms, and likewise the Effects of some Spaniards and French who had settled at Cape Fear, Major Craig marched out with a Detachment of the Troops; at the same Time I sent one of the Gallies, with two Gun-boats, up the River; they were fortunate to get Possession of those Vessels the next Morning, which they brought down with them, except a Schooner and a Sloop laden entirely with Provisions and Ammunition, which they were obliged to burn; I inclose a List of those captured.

The Inhabitants remaining in Town, and in the neighbouring Ports, have delivered up their Arms, and have given their Paroles. They most ardently wish, once more, to enjoy the Blessings of Peace, and a Re-union with the Mother Country.

The having Possession of Wilmington and Cape Fear River is of the utmost Importance to Lord Cornwallis's Army. The Works being all closed in, and the different Batteries compleated, I proceeded to this Port, to put the Admiral's Orders in Execution.

I herewith inclose an Extract of a Letter I received from Colonel Balfour, expressing his Thanks for the Assistance of the Navy on this Expedition; and it will afford me much Satisfaction if my Conduct should meet their Lordships Approbation. I have the Honour to be, &c.

Wilmington, January 27, 1781.

PROPOSITIONS offered to the Commanding Officers of the British Navy and Troops, in Cape Fear River, by such of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington, and others who chuse to remain there:

Article I. The Inhabitants and others remaining there to be Prisoners of War, until regularly exchanged.

Article II. The Inhabitants to remain in Town, and to have their Properties, of every Description, secured to them, and their Persons protected.

Mr. James Walker and Mr. John Du Bois are appointed to present these Proposals.

THE Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Navy and Troops in Cape Fear River, in Answer

to a Message received from the Inhabitants of Wilmington, have only to observe, that, in the present Situation of Affairs, they are not entitled to a Capitulation, nor are the Articles offered them such as could be received in that Light. When His Majesty's Forces appear before the Town, they must submit to be Prisoners of War at Discretion, or take the Consequence of Resistance: In the former Case, every Exaction will be used to prevent Plunder, or personal ill Usages to any Person whatever.

On Board the Betsey and Polly Transport, the 27th of January, 1781.

Signed,

And. Barkley.

J. H. Craig, Major, 82d Reg.

Vessels taken up Cape Fear River, by a Detachment of the Army and Gallies, the 1st of February, 1781.

Rose, a new Brig of 120 Tons, Two Three-Pounders, pierced for Twelve Guns, loaded with Rice, Tobacco, and Bile Goods.

Schooner Betsey, 70 Tons, Six Nine-Pound Carromades, loaded with Rice, Flour, Rum, and some Ammunition.

Schooner Flying Fish, loaded with Rice, Flour, Turpentine, and Rum.

Schooner Ceres, 25 Tons, loaded with Rice, Flour, and Ammunition.

Schooner Wild Cat, 20 Tons, empty.

A Schooner and Sloop, with Stores, Ammunition, and Provisions, burnt.

And. Barkley.

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Balfour to Captain Barkley, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Blonde, dated Charles-Town, Feb. 14, 1781.

I Am happy in having this Opportunity of returning you my best Thanks for your Exertions and Assistance to the Troops under Major Craig: and of assuring you, that I shall not fail to acquaint Lord Cornwallis with the Particulars mentioned by Major Craig in his Publick Letter, by which it appears, that the Success of the Expedition has been chiefly owing to the Assistance of the Navy.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 23d of March, 1781.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was graciously pleased, by His Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the 25th Day of October, 1776, to promise and declare, That the Bounties of Five Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Two Pounds Ten Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, fit for His Majesty's Service, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Eighteen Years, who should, on or before the 31st of December then following, enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of His Majesty's Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board such Tenders as should be employed for raising Men for the Service of the Royal Navy: And whereas His Majesty was also pleased, by His Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the 8th Day of November, 1776, to promise and declare, That a Re-

ward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to any Person who should discover any Seaman or Seamen who might secrete themselves, that so such Seaman or Seamen should be taken for His Majesty's said Service, by any of His Majesty's Sea-Officers employed for raising Men, on or before the 31st Day of December, 1776: And whereas His Majesty was likewise pleased, by His Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the 15th Day of August, 1777, to promise and declare, That every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who should voluntarily enter himself to serve on Board any of His Majesty's Ships, on or before the 31st Day of October then next, should receive, as of His Majesty's Royal Bounty, the Sum of Thirty Shillings each Man, to be paid in Manner thereby directed: And whereas the Time limited by the said Proclamations, for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards, hath been prolonged and extended to the 31st Day of this instant March; and it being judged expedient for His Majesty's Service that the said Bounties and Rewards should be continued to be paid for some Time longer, His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, that the Time limited for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards be prolonged and extended from the said 31st Day of this instant March to the 30th Day of June next, inclusive.—Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Steph. Cottrell.

St. James's, March 31.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Edward Hartopp, of Little Dalby in the County of Leicester, Esq; and his Issue, (pursuant to the Will of his Great Uncle James Wigley, Esq; deceased) His Royal Licence and Authority to assume and use the Surname of Wigley; and also to order, that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be registered in His College of Arms.

War-Office, March 31, 1781.

3d Regiment of Dragoons, Lieutenant George Charles Brathwaite, of 19th Dragoons, is appointed to be Lieutenant, vice Hugo Meynell.

15th Regiment Light Dragoons, Walter Ayscough Fawkes Vavasour, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Thomas Boothby Parkyns.

20th Regiment Light Dragoons, Lieutenant John Campbell to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Simon Wilmot.

Ditto, Cornet Joshua Evans to be Lieutenant, vice John Campbell.

Ditto, Francis Duffield, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Joshua Evans.

21st Regiment of Light Dragoons, Lieutenant Hugo Meynell, of 3d Dragoons, to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice John Quantock.

4th Regiment of Foot, Samuel Higgs, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Ambrose Soden.

Ditto, Lieutenant Alexander Brodie to be Captain, vice Hon. John Rawdon.

Ditto, Ensign John Marmaduke Grafton to be Lieutenant, vice Alexander Brodie.

Ditto,

Ditto, Hugh Wentworth Sherston, Gent. to be Ensign, vice James Gardiner.

Ditto, William Dyott, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Richard Pottenger Hughes.

12th Regiment of Foot, Ensign William Sandby to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Bate.

Ditto, Quarter-Master Robert Smith to be Ensign, vice William Sandby.

Ditto, Serjeant Joseph Tate to be Quarter-Master, vice Robert Smith.

15th Regiment of Foot, Ensign Samuel George Lunn, to be Lieutenant, vice Charles Leigh.

18th Regiment of Foot, Ensign Charles Rawdon to be Lieutenant, vice George Mawby.

55th Regiment of Foot, Jonas Travers, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Toby Dod.

72d Regiment of Foot, Ensign Thomas Ranicar to be Lieutenant, vice Richard Home.

Ditto, Edmund Spalding, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Thomas Ranicar.

Ditto, Ensign Richard Harris to be Lieutenant, vice John Allen.

Ditto, John Nunns, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Richard Harris.

Sutherland Regiment of Fencible Men, William Bennett, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Charles Sutherland.

Thomas Hawkshaw, Gent. to be Ensign in Captain Kenneth M'Kenzie's Independent Company of Foot.

Lieutenant Joseph Haslewood, from the Half Pay of the late 79th Foot, to be Lieutenant in Captain Peter Aylward's Independent Company of Invalids.

Commissions signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland.

12th Regiment of Dragoons, Lieutenant Guy Percival to be Captain, vice Arthur Cole; by Purchase. Dated February 5, 1781.

Ditto, Eldest Cornet John Warren to be Lieutenant, vice Percival.

Ditto, Mr. George Perry to be Cornet, vice Warren.

67th Foot, Eldest Ensign George Davis to be Lieutenant, vice William Luckett, deceased. Dated as above.

Ditto, Mr. George Smith to be Ensign, vice Davis.

Ditto, Ensign George Thomas to be Lieutenant, vice Samuel Bristowe; by Purchase. Dated as above.

Ditto, Mr. Henry Colclough to be Ensign, vice Thomas.

68th Foot, Mr. Henry Leslie to be Ensign, vice Robert Graves; by Purchase. Dated as above.

77th Foot, Eldest Ensign William Byers to be Lieutenant, vice Lewis Drummond M'Gregor, deceased. Dated as above.

Ditto, Mr. John Napier to be Ensign, vice Byers.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, March 17, 1781.
THE Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give Notice, That they are ready to receive Proposals from any Person or Persons willing to supply Bread, Wood, Straw, Hay, and Oats, for the Use of any Part whatever of His Majesty's Troops, to be encamped this Summer in England.

The Bread is to be made of the Flour of good marketable English Wheat, out of which the first Bran is to be taken by Means of an Eight Shilling

Cloth. Each Soldier's Allowance of this Bread for Four Days is a well-baked Loaf of Six Pounds; and Leaven is not to be used in the Baking, except where Yeast cannot possibly be procured.

The Ration of Dry Wood is to consist of Twelve Pounds, being likewise the Allowance of each Man for Four Days.

The Truss of good Wheaten Straw must weigh Thirty-six Pounds.

The Ration of Forage is to consist of Eighteen Pounds of good old Meadow Hay, and Eight Pounds of Oats.

All the above Articles, except the Bread, are to be deposited in Magazines at the several Camps, wherever they may be, and the Contractor is to deliver the Supplies to the General Officers at their respective Quarters.

The Carriage of the Bread from the different Bakeries (which are always to be as near as possible to the Camps) will be defrayed by Government.

The Contractor shall always have a Sufficiency of Flour, and all the other Articles, in the Magazines, for the Supply of Sixteen Days in Advance, till he shall be ordered to the contrary.

The Proposals are to be delivered, sealed up, and directed to either of their Lordships Secretaries, any Time on or before the Second Day of April next, and to be marked on the Out-side, Proposals for the Camp Contract.

General Post-Office, February 3, 1781.

THE Post-Boy bringing the Bristol Mail on Monday Morning the 29th Day of January last, from Maidenhead, was stopt between Two and Three of the Clock by a single Highwayman, with a Crape over his Face, between the Eleventh and Twelfth Mile-stone, near to Cranford-bridge, who presented a Pistol to him, and after making him alight, drove away the Horse and Cart, which were found about Seven o'Clock the same Morning the Robbery was committed, in a Meadow Field near Farmer Lot's at Twyford in Middlesex, when it appeared that the greatest Part of the Letters were taken out of the Bath and Bristol Bags, and the following Bags entirely taken away.

Pewsey	Wantage	Cheltenham
Calne	Cirencester	Fairford
Newbury	Stroud	Lechlade
Trowbridge	Wootton under	Lampeter
Melksham	Edge	Carmarthen
Bradford	Gloucester	Tenby
Wallingford	Tewkesbury	Haverford West
Maidenhead	Hereford	Pembroke
Henley	Leominster	Abergavenny
Reading	Northleach	

One George Weston is strongly suspected to be concerned in the above Robbery, he having, between Tuesday the 30th of January and Friday the 2d instant, negotiated several Bank Post Bills and Bank Notes, which had been in the Mail, in Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire, Northumberland, Lincolnshire, Huntingdonshire, and Hertfordshire, in the Name of James Jackson, and in Character of a Naval Officer, wearing the exact Uniform of a Midshipman, viz. a Blue Coat turned up with White, White Waistcoat, Yellow Buttons with an Anchor upon



open them, and a plain cocked Hat with a Cockade in it.

He was pursued from Nottinghamshire to London, on the direct North Road through Stevenage, Ware and Endfield, and got out of a Post-Chaise and Four in Bishopsgate-street, about Half past Ten on Friday Night the 2d Instant, immediately took an Hackney Coach, and was set down in the first Court in Newgate-street which leads to St. Paul's Church-yard, where he took a Pair of Pistols and Portmanteau under his Arm, and walked towards the Church-yard.

The said George Weston is described to be about Five Feet Six or Seven Inches high, about Twenty-four or Twenty-five Years of Age, his Hair of a lightish Brown Colour, cut short before, and tied behind, fresh coloured, pitted with the Small Pox, thin made, speaks quick, and when he arrived in London had Boots on, and a light coloured Great Coat. He lodged at the Coventry Cross, in Potters-fields, Tooley-street, about Four Months ago, has a Brother named Joseph Weston, and both are reputed to be Highwaymen.

Whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed this Robbery, will be entitled to a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, over and above the Rewards given by Act of Parliament for apprehending Highwaymen; or if any Person, whether an Accomplice in the Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery, whereby the Person who committed the same may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Party, be entitled to the same Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, and will also receive His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Postmaster-General,
Anth. Todd, Sec.

Navy-Office, March 14, 1781.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that they will be ready to treat with such Persons as are willing to contract for the Stores under-mentioned, for His Majesty's Service, on the Days against the same expressed, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, that they may attend with their Proposals accordingly, viz.

Hemp,	Thursday April 5.
Riga Mast,	Friday April 6.
Iron, Tar, and Pitch,	Tuesday April 10.
Stettin Plank,	Thursday April 12.

Viſtualling-Office, March 26, 1781.

THE Commissioners for Viſtualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 9th Day of April next they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing, (sealed up) and treat with such Persons as may be inclinable to undertake to furnish Sea Provisions to such of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels as may touch at Jamaica, and be in Want thereof.

The Conditions of the Contract may be seen at the Secretary's Office.

And all Persons who may think proper to make Tenders upon the said Occasion are desired to take Notice, that no Regard will be had to any Tender, which shall not be delivered to the Board before One o'Clock on the said 9th Day of April next; nor unless the Person who makes the Tender, or some Person on his Behalf, attends, to answer for him when called for.

AVERAGE PRICES of CORN,

From March 19, to March 24, 1781.

By the Standard WINCHESTER Bushel of Eight Gallons.

	Wheat.		Rye.		Barley.		Oats.		Beans.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
London,	6	7	2	7	2	2	1	10	2	4
COUNTIES INLAND.										
Middlesex,	6	8			2	4	2	1	3	1
Surry,	6	8	2	9	2	3	2	3	3	2
Hertford,	6	6			2	6	2	1	3	5
Bedford,	6	5	4	2	2	4	1	11	2	11
Cambridge,	6	5	3	8	2	3	1	8	2	6
Huntingdon,	6	6			2	3	1	9	2	10
Northampton,	6	8	4	5	2	4	1	7	2	10
Rutland,	6	7			2	2	1	8	3	1
Leicester,	5	11	3	2	2	3	1	7	2	9
Nottingham,	5	11	4	0	2	0	1	10	3	2
Derby,	5	11			2	2	1	10	3	6
Stafford,	5	11			2	5	1	9	3	3
Salop,	5	5	3	7	2	0	1	8	3	0
Hereford,	5	2			1	8	1	7	2	6
Worcester,	5	4			2	0	1	10	2	9
Warwick,	5	9			2	0	1	11	2	10
Gloucester,	5	9			1	11	1	8	3	1
Wilts,	5	10			2	1	1	9	3	4
Berks,	6	4			2	0	1	10	2	8
Oxford,	6	2			2	0	1	10	2	9
Bucks,	6	6			2	2	2	0	2	10

COUNTIES upon the COAST.

Essex,	6	7			2	1	1	10	2	7
Suffolk,	6	4	2	8	2	0	1	8	2	6
Norfolk,	6	9	3	10	1	9	1	8	2	5
Lincoln,	5	7	3	0	1	11	1	6	2	7
York,	5	9	4	2	2	1	1	9	2	11
Durham,	5	9			2	2	1	10	3	7
Northumberland,	5	3	3	8	2	1	1	9	2	10
Cumberland,	5	8	3	9	2	1	1	8	3	0
Westmorland,	6	2	3	8			1	10	3	5
Lancashire,	6	3			2	5	1	10	2	11
Cheshire,	6	2	4	2	2	5	1	10		
Monmouth,	5	6			2	2	1	7		
Somerset,	6	0			2	0	1	8	2	6
Devon,	6	5			2	5	1	4		
Cornwall,	6	4			2	8	1	6		
Dorset,	6	3			2	1	1	10	3	4
Hampshire,	6	4			2	1	1	10	2	11
Sussex,	6	7			2	0	1	9	2	8
Kent,	6	10			2	2	1	11	2	5

From March 12, to March 17, 1781.

W A L E S.

North Wales,	5	7	3	5	2	2	1	5	3	4
South Wales,	5	0	3	0	1	11	1	1	2	4

Part of SCOTLAND.

Wheat.	Rye.	Barley.	Oats.	Beans.	Big.
4	11	1	11	1	9

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John James Catherwood.

TO be sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before Edward Leeds, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, The Freehold Estate late of William Garrett, of Worting in the County of Southampton, Esq; deceased, consisting of a genteel Farm-house, with Barns, Stables, and all convenient Out-buildings, Garden and Orchard, pleasantly situate about Three Miles from Basingstoke, on the Side of the Turnpike Road leading from thence to Reading; One other Farm-house, with Barns and all convenient Out-buildings, Backsides, Garden, and Orchard, Six Cottages and Gardens thereto belonging, and 250 Acres of inclosed rich Arable, Meadow, and Pasture Lands, belonging and contiguous to the aforesaid Farm-house and Buildings.

Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers, in Lincoln's-inn, London; of Mr. William Russell, Attorney, in Basingstoke, Hants; and of Mr. Richard Broome, No. 1, Cony-court, Gray's-inn.

WHereas William Dumbell the Younger, now or late of Newton in Mackerfield in the County of Lancaster, Yeoman, hath, by Indenture bearing Date the 8th Day of July last, conveyed and assigned over his Real and Personal Estate and Effects unto Thomas Merrick and Daniel Donbavand, both of Warrington in the said County, Gentlemen, in Trust, for the equal Benefit of the Creditors of the said William Dumbell; Notice is hereby given, that a Dividend of the Money arising from the Sale of the said Estate and Effects of the said William Dumbell will be made by the said Assignees, on Monday the 2d of April next, between the Hours of Two and Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the House of Peter Bolton, the Sign of the George and Dragon, in Warrington aforesaid, to all such of the Creditors of the said William Dumbell as have already signed, and such other Creditors as shall sign, the said Indenture, on or before that Time. And all those Creditors who do not execute it on or before the said 2d Day of April, will be excluded the Benefit thereof; which said Deed is now lodged in the Hands of Mr. Woodcock, Attorney, in Warrington aforesaid, for that Purpose; with whom the Creditors are desired to leave Accounts of their respective Debts, or with the said Assignees. And all Persons who stand indebted to the said William Dumbell are desired to pay their respective Debts to the said Assignees, or the said Mr. Woodcock, on or before the said 2d Day of April, or they will be sued for the same without further Notice.

TO be sold, pursuant to a Decree and General Order of Transfer of the High Court of Chancery, before William Weller Pepys, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, Part of the Freehold Estates of Kyffin Williams, late of the City of Chester, Esq; deceased, situate in the several Parishes of Llannelly, Llannon, Llanvihengil-berbythic, Llangendairn, Llandebei, and Penbrei, in the County of Carmarthen. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers.

Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors (if any) of Henry Crane, late of Petticoat-lane in the Parish of Aldgate, London, Mahogany-turner, deceased, are, on or before the First Day of Easter Term next, to come in and prove their respective Debts before Peter Holford, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, or in Default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against William Richardson, late of Milland in the County of Sussex, and formerly of Rotherhithe in the County of Surry, Timber-merchant, Dealer and Chapman, are desired to meet the Assignees of the Estate and Effects of the said Bankrupt, on Friday next, the 6th of April, at Six of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Baptist-head Coffee-house, in Chancery-lane, London, in order to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees commencing, prosecuting, or defending any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity, for Recovery of any Part of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; or to their compounding, submitting to Arbitration, or otherwise agreeing any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and on other special Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Isaac De Mattos, late of London, Merchant, are desired to meet the Assignees of his Estate and Effects, on Wednesday the 4th Day of April next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at the Baptist-head Coffee-house, in Aldermanbury, London, to consider of and assent to or dissent from the said Assignees accepting of and agreeing to a Proposal of the said Isaac De Mattos, touching the House in Fleet-street, and the Reversionary Interest in 1671. 12s. 6d. Old South Sea Annuities; also to receive a Further Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; and on other special Affairs.

THE Creditors of the late Mr. Edward Hufswait, of Elsworth in the County of Cambridge, deceased, are desired forthwith to send in an Account of their respective Demands, either to Mrs. Mary Hufswait, of Elsworth aforesaid, the Widow and Administratrix of the said Deceased; or to Si. Hardy, Attorney, at Huntingdon. And all Persons who stood indebted to the said Edward Hufswait at the Time of his Decease, are hereby required to pay their respective Debts immediately, either to the said Mary Hufswait, or to the said Si. Hardy, (who is by her duly authorized to receive the same) otherwise Actions will be commenced for the Recovery thereof.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against William Somerton, of the City of Bath, Carrier, Dealer and Chapman, whose Debts amount to 10 l. and upwards, are desired to meet on Friday the 6th of April next, precisely at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Gerrard's Hall Inn in Basing-lane, in order finally to resolve and direct the Assignees as to the Sale of the Bankrupt's Waggon, Horses, and Implements; and upon other special Affairs.

Pursuant to an Order made by the Rt. Honourable Edward Lord Thurlow, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, for Enlarging the Time for Mary Smith, of High Holborn in the County of Middlesex, Widow, Upholsterer, Dealer and Chapwoman, (a Bankrupt) to surrender herself, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of her Estate and Effects, for 34 Days, to be computed from the 31st Day of March instant; This is to give Notice, that the Commissioners in the said Commission named and authorized, or the major Part of them, intend to meet on the 4th Day of May next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London; where the said Bankrupt is required to surrender herself, between the Hours of Eleven and One of the Clock of the same Day, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of her Estate and Effects, and finish her Examination; and the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of her Certificate.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against John Mortimer, of Trowbridge in the County of Wilts, Clothier and Linen-draper, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 12th and 13th Days of April next, and on the 12th Day of May following, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon on each of the said Days, at Mr. Elderton's, called the George Inn, in Trowbridge, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Joseph Smith, Attorney, in Bradford.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued against John Holland, of Bishopsgate-street in the City of London, Silversmith, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 3d and 21st Days of April next at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, and on the 12th Day of May following at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. King, Attorney, Cutler Hall, Cloak-lane.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Henry Davis, of Spital-fields-market in the County of Middlesex, and Henry Abbott, of Bishopsgate-street, London, Dealers in Potatoes and Copartners, and they being declared Bankrupts, are hereby required to surrender themselves to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 1st and 21st Days of April next, and on the 12th Day of May following, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of their Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupts are required to finish their Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of their Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupts, or that have any of their Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but